

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF BASES BY MAOISTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Maoists from Nepal have set up their bases in India particularly in the border States;
- (b) if so, whether the Government of Nepal has urged the Indian Government to prevent Maoists from making Indian territory as their base or transit corridor; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

- (a) The Government has no evidence that the Maoists have set up their bases in India.
- (b) & (c)

Government of India is firmly opposed to the recourse to violence and extremism in the pursuit of political objectives. We have condemned the widespread violent attacks by the Maoists in Nepal after unilaterally withdrawing from negotiations last November. We have extended support to the Government of Nepal in its effort to restore peace and security in the country.

Measures have been taken to enhance co-operation with Nepal, particularly with regard to implementing effective border management. A bilateral institutional mechanism has also been evolved which includes a joint Working Group on Border Management and Home Secretary Level Talks to jointly address issues relating to maintenance of peace and security and prevention of criminal activities in the India-Nepal border areas. The Special Service Bureau is being deployed along the border with Nepal to strengthen security in the border areas.